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RASIC MUST TAKE TEAM TO ASIA THIS YEAR

— By LOU GAUTIER —

A tour of Asia later this year for the national team and the immediate reappointment of coach Rale Rasic should head the Australian Federation's list of priorities.

The Australian Federation is already moving to secure sponsors for our 1978 World Cup challenge.

Part of the money must be spent at once on sending an Australian team on tour in November-December 1974.

A new squad, the nucleus of which must be retained and play together as much as possible until Australia's qualifying matches in 1977, has to be selected without further ado.

And who better and more qualified to be again at the helm than Rasic?

It would be a tragedy for Australian soccer if petty jealousies and clashes of personalities robbed the national team of the coach who made our creditable showing in West Germany possible.

Sir Arthur George, president of the Federation, has to call Rasic in for a heart to heart talk to dispel any misunderstandings.

Both should lay their cards on the table. I am sure that an arrangement can be reached that will ensure that Rasic remains in charge of Australia's bid to reach Argentina in 1978.

It will be tough enough finding what virtually amounts to a new team without the added hardship of breaking in a new coach.

It is ridiculous to suggest we should advertise nationwide and worldwide for a coach when we have the best man for the job right here.

His build-up of the team over four hard years puts him in good stead to achieve similar, if not better, results with the new Socceroos who will be carrying our hopes over the next four.

I am convinced that Rasic wants to remain in charge. I am also certain the ASF is aware of the enormous advantages of keeping him at the helm with Les Scheinflug confirmed as his assistant.

COMPROMISE

A compromise solution would be to offer him the job on a part-time basis until 1976, when his contract with Pan Hellenic expires anyway, then give it to him full-time until Australia has completed its World Cup commitments.

Rasic, if reappointed, will insist on an Asian tour later in the year.

The ASF can only agree to this reasonable request, which "Soccer World" strongly advocated as early as last December after we had barely qualified for the 1974 finals.

Asia is the ideal testing ground for the new Socceroos.

If the ASF is unable to foot the bill to take part — at our own cost — in the King's Cup tournament staged in Bangkok in December, in which most of Asia's top teams participate, then it must start planning now for an extended tour.

Now that FIFA has lifted its embargo on China, the People's Republic could be fitted in the itinerary — possibly with official Government sanction and financial assistance.

The Burmese have been clamoring for a visit by an Australian soccer team ever since the Prime Minister (Mr. Whitlam) called in at Rangoon five months ago.

There again, I am sure the Government would favorably consider footing at least part of the airfares to Burma as a soccer visit would tie in with official Government policy.

If you throw in matches in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore or Kuala Lumpur you have the basis for a more than useful tour which would serve to launch the international careers of several of the players destined to defend our chances in the next World Cup.

● New Socceroos — see page 3.



Aussie skipper Peter Wilson engaging in pre-match formalities with his East German counterpart Berndt Bransch in Hamburg last month under the watchful eyes of the referees. Wilson will again be the cornerstone of the national team's defence in the next four years.

Ollerton leads Sharp contest

Sydney's top goalscorer, Socceroo Peter Ollerton, is a fairly comfortable leader in the "Soccer World" Sharp Players' Contest.

Ollerton, whose spate of goals sparked off APFA's revival, had averaged 4.08 points from 12 games (last weekend's round is not included in points published in this issue).

Fellow international Manfred Schaefer, the darling of German World Cup crowds, shares second place with Hakoah's Brazilian schemer Agenor Muniz.

He has appeared in at least 16 games, will win the Sharp prize.

In the event of a tie, a countback will apply and the player who has collected the most five-point awards will be declared the winner.

Both are on four points, the only First Division players with Ollerton to have averaged four points or more in the contest at this stage.

\$300 PRIZE

Sharp, the leading electronics firm, will present \$300 worth of equipment of his choice to the winner of our 1974 contest.

He will have the choice of, say, a black and white television set, a stereo, cassette or a tape recorder.

Anything, in fact, is available in the fabulous Sharp range.

Points ranging from one to six will continue to be awarded to all First Division Sydney players up to the last championship round.

The player with the highest average at the end of the premiership, provided

Current standings:
P. Ollerton (APIA) 4.08
A. Muniz (Hakoah) 4.00
M. Schaefer (St. Geo.) 4.00
L. Hucker (Auburn) 3.93
T. Butler (APIA) 3.92
F. Brady (Croatia) 3.92
R. Ite (Pan Hellenic) 3.91
B. Stowell (P. Hellenic) 3.91
A. Maher (Sutherland) 3.90
J. Wallace (APIA) 3.90

WORLD CUP

COMPETITION

The result of Sharp's \$200 World Cup Competition will be announced next week.

The perfect coupon should have read:

Question 1: 0-2; 2: 0-3; 3: 0-0; 4: 1-1; 5: 1-1; 6: Lato; 7: Three; 8: Five; 9: Brazil; 10: Poland; 11: Holland; 12: West Germany.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE								HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	M	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	15	9	3	3	35	16	21	:9	5	2	1	20	6	12	4	1	2	15	10	9
APIA	14	8	3	3	31	16	19	:9	4	3	—	17	8	11	4	—	3	14	8	8
Wests	15	7	5	3	22	13	19	:11	4	2	2	12	8	10	3	3	1	10	5	9
Safeway	16	7	4	5	22	18	18	:14	4	2	1	13	8	10	3	2	4	9	10	8
Pan Hellenic	13	7	2	4	23	14	16	:10	5	—	1	15	6	10	2	2	3	8	8	6
St. George	15	7	2	6	25	20	16	:14	5	1	2	17	9	11	2	1	4	8	11	5
Sutherland	15	5	4	6	15	23	14	:16	3	3	2	11	13	9	2	1	4	4	10	5
Auburn	15	6	1	8	18	24	13	:17	3	1	3	9	11	7	3	—	5	9	13	6
Croatia	15	4	4	7	20	26	12	:18	4	1	2	16	11	9	—	3	5	4	15	3
Marconi	15	2	7	6	12	17	11	:19	1	4	3	4	7	6	1	3	3	8	10	5
Yugal-Prague	15	2	6	7	17	26	10	:20	2	1	5	8	11	5	—	5	2	9	15	5
Canterbury	15	2	5	8	15	42	9	:21	2	3	2	6	9	7	—	2	6	9	33	2

M: stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.

English schoolboy tourists play NSW on Saturday

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

This Saturday the match at Woonona Oval pits the cream of the NSW Schools players against the England Schools XI — the first time that we have ever dared to compete with the best.

It's a great chance to see some of the world's best schoolboy footballers, and "Soccer World" joins with all sections of the game in welcoming the English Schools Football Association chairman Geoffrey Jennett, secretary Glyn Evans and team captain Mark Higgins and the rest of the party.

The game will give more than a glimpse of the ball skills and tactical maturity of the English boys. This is what Australian lads will achieve as we struggle up the soccer tree.

It may be that England's star dimmed when they failed to reach the World Cup final sixteen, but the England Schools XI will tomorrow leave positively no doubt about their standing in the world of schools football.

On one hand the great West German national team won the World Cup — on the other it was the England Schools side that demolished West German Schools 4-0 before a 40,000 Wembley crowd only last month.

Top crowds

The top crowds drawn by the England Schools team to Wembley recently were 32,500 v. Scotland, 55,000 v. The Netherlands, 61,000 v. France and 40,000 v. West Germany, and the respective results were 2-4, 3-1, 5-2, and 4-0.

When an under-15 schoolkids' team can draw like this they've just got to be good, as the West Germans can testify after Wednesday's opener.

Les Scheinflug, appointed coach for NSW, has had limited time to select and prepare the side, since returning from the World Cup.

Fortunately, many NSW players had been together under Jock Aird in Hobart last September, when they won the National title.

Of the NSW side Paul Griffin (Greystanes High), Jan Rowden and Shane Keating (Sutherland), Gene Isoardi (Wests) and Danny Rothwell (St. George) were selected as members of the national team, nominated in the hope of a game such as this tour brings.

Scheinflug has done everything possible to bring our State boys to using the open spaces, marshalling the wall against attacks from different angles, man to man marking, with attention to set plays on the offense and other features.

Win lose or draw, you can be sure that the Light

Blues will put their best foot forward in a great bid to show their wares, with their home advantage making up for their lesser experience.

Scheinflug headed for Perth last Monday and finalised his team's tactics on his summation of the Perth opening match.

From the NSW viewpoint we have some excellent prospects, not the least of whom are Kevin Coleman, Jan Rowden and Danny Rothwell.

The Woonona ground will suit us well, and the match will provide a magnificent pipe-opener to the remaining four matches.

To bring you the best today the tour committee, the Australian Junior Soccer Council and the Australian Schools Soccer Federation were prepared to allow the English side to be up to four months' older than our boys.

It won't happen this way on another occasion, but the difference is not great and by so doing the organisations could hold our side together, and bring you what could well be the world's best schools football team.

It would be less than gratitude if the organisations directly involved, including tour sponsor Western Suburbs, did not thank the ASFF and NSW Federation for their first-class support and administrative assistance in planning the tour.

We have been asked to convey this thanks, which has laid the ground for a great thrust forward in Australian schools and junior football which all our youngsters and oldsters will appreciate.

English tactics

The England Schools XI seek to play wide in attack with George Bailey doing the work across the forward line to create gaps for Kevin Mabbutt and Peter Coyne.

Martin Patching and Peter Savill have the stamina to keep going for the full term in midfield, and Stephen Gardner, the normal left winger, has ability beyond his years in trying to tie his opposing full back in a knot.

Coyne is particularly the man that must be held at all costs, and three goals against France followed by three against West Germany attest to his skills.

Coyne is both good with his head and with a turn of speed and a flick to try to beat any man he comes

across in a one-one situation. He'll need some very close marking to both feet by whoever gets the task.

Ken Sansom is in the overlapping fullback mould, and England Schools skipper, Mark Higgins, of Buxton School Derby, is an unrelenting defender.

NSW selection

The final State XI was finalised only at trials during the week.

Paul Griffin, 'keeper with Auburn Federation and Greystanes High School and Mark Curtis, with Manly-Warringah Association and Balgowlah High Schools are the final choices for the position.

Kevin Coleman is likely to be amongst the strikers, whilst the stoppers could be resolved between present incumbent Andy McVeigh and the speedy and assured Gerry Figon.

Mark Barton, the tricky midfielder from St. Johns Lakemba, and St. George Association, has been one of the stars of the trial series.

Schools football is mainly midweek in NSW, with Associations playing at the weekend.

Accordingly, the English Schools tour is a combined effort involving both the parent bodies, and most of the players appear in the various teams of the two organisations.

The squads

ENGLAND SCHOOLS XI (Players retain following numbers for entire tour and play in white shirts, black shorts, white stockings and black rings):

1. Martin New (Swindon),
2. Andrew Kingston (Oxford),
3. Ken Sansom (South London),
4. Paul Clark (Basildon),
5. Mark Higgins (Rossendale),
6. Peter Savill (Rossendale),
7. Peter Coyne (Manchester),
8. Martin Patching (Rotherham),
9. George Bailey (Doncaster),
10. Kevin Mabbutt (Bristol),
- 11.

Stephen Gardner (Barnsley), 12. Ray Deakin (Liverpool), 13. Paul Haverson (Lea Valley), 14. Robert Hale (South London), 15. Alan King (Southampton), 16. Philip Emsden (Oxford), 17. Kevin Stead (Newham), 18. Arthur Breeze (Leek).

Team Manager: Jim Morrow (County Durham), Assistant Team Manager: Frederick Coleman (Swindon).

NSW SCHOOLS (Sky blue shirts, black shorts, blue stockings and black rings):

To be selected from the following squad and team announced on the ground:

Paul Griffin (Greystanes HS & Auburn Fed.), Mark Curtis (Balgowlah HS & Manly Assn.), Rod Skellern (Narwee HS & St. George), Ian Rowden (Caringbah HS & Sutherland), Andy McVeigh (Carlingford HS & Gladesville), Hubert Walz (Patrician Bros. Blacktown & Granville Fed.), John Rogan (Belmore HS & Canterbury), Mark Barton (St. Johns Lakemba, & St. George), Wesley Schutt (Blacktown HS & Granville), Barry Auburn (East Hills HS & Bankstown), Danny Rothwell (St. George), Wayne Cootes (Bankstown HS & Bankstown), Kevin Coleman (Granville HS & Guildford Fed.), Gene Isoardi (Epping HS & Western Suburbs), Greg Atkins (Asquith HS & Ku-ring-gai), Rex Hill (Punchbowl HS & Bankstown), Mark Samuels (Cumberland HS & Gladesville), Shayne Keating (Kirrawee HS & Sutherland), Gerry Figon (Canterbury HS & St. George).

Coach: L. Scheinflug; managers: Eric Drury (NSW Amateur Federation), Jack Dodd (NSW Schools Federation).

Players of the NSW No. 2 team v. Illawarra are: D. Roberts, M. Chapman, I. Booth, G. McLean, G. Hill, E. Russell, T. Hooper, P. Geoghegan, G. Weller, Aukudiannoff, G. Gibson, P. Wilson, R. Budini, G. M. McGregor, F. Davey.

READERS' LETTERS

PUT CLUBS FIRST

It is some years now since you were good enough to publish some views of mine on soccer, but our attendances have continued to drop so alarmingly that I feel the thoughts of many followers should be put before the authorities who are controlling the game so poorly.

First, let it be definitely understood that club football is the basic factor underlying the success of any code, and this, of late years, has been entirely overlooked whilst our controllers considered overseas first.

The Australian Rules code has no overseas contacts, but club competition has built up Australia's largest sporting crowds.

Rugby League has very limited overseas competition but draws big club crowds.

A few years ago when nearly all our soccer crowd interest was in our own club competitions, with only an occasional foreign visit, we had two to three times the number of spectators, with plenty of enthusiasm being shown as against the ghastly silence now present at most of our matches.

Our World Cup preoccupation has so very obviously reduced our attendances, and if we continue to place overseas soccer first, local interest will continue to fall.

I believe that most soccer followers who watch TV, except for the odd World Cup match (which includes the final) much prefer to watch the English League and odd Scottish matches that we see on TV.

These games generally give far more pleasure and excitement than the type of defensive play so often seen in the World Cup matches, and followed by our own Australian team.

I believe that to get back our crowds we must play club soccer only for the next two years.

If we build up that basic factor, then the rest, including skilled men, will become available for international matches later.

At present so much priority is being given to our overseas commitments that

the clubs and local competitions are made to look second rate and of little importance, and therefore, many of our followers have lost interest.

We must for at least two seasons forget tours and concentrate on building up our confidence and interest in club fixtures.

A National League is no answer at present to our lack of spectator interest.

As a final comment, fix admission prices no higher than that of competing codes, and advertise this fact well.

Our followers are no richer than those of other sports, and like our teams, have poorer grounds and more discomfort with which to contend.

R. S. CHILD,
Hornsby

MORE ENTERPRISE

I can't help but agree that our team could have performed better in Germany with just a little more enterprise.

They went away not to be disgraced, and they achieved just that.

The credit goes to Rale Rasic, who devised an ultra-defensive tactic, and against the two Germans, that was the best.

But why did not we go all out against Chile, who as a team were not as good as most other countries in the Cup?

We could have scored at least a goal against East Germany if Ollerton had played instead of Buljevic.

How come that our most dangerous forward only had brief appearances?

Why did not Rasic select Steve Keri, who is our most prolific goal-grabber since the hey-day of Mike Denton?

The "second string" NSW side showed against Chelsea that Alan Ainslie and Terry Butler should have been in the Cup squad instead of Ernie Campbell and Gary Manuel.

I think the time has come for Australia to shake off its timid image and start playing attacking football because goals are what wins matches.

ALEX WELLNER,
Bondi

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Canterbury v. Hakoah — Arlington Oval
APIA v. Sutherland — Lambert Park
NS-Inter v. Granville — North Sydney Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Western Suburbs v. Auburn — Drummond Oval
Croatia v. Marconi — Marks Field
Pan Hellenic v. Yugal-Prague — Wentworth Park
Safeway v. St. George — Woonona Oval
Melita Eagles v. Manly — Mona Park
Marrickville v. Bankstown — Black Oval
Corinthians v. Balgownie — Jubilee Oval
Polonia v. Guildford — Soccer Centre

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Hakoah v. Sutherland — Wentworth Park
Canterbury v. Pan Hellenic — Arlington Oval
Rapid v. Polonia — Marrickville Oval
Newtown v. Corinthians — Erskineville Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Yugal-Prague v. Wests — Marks Field
Auburn v. Croatia — Mona Park
Marconi v. Canterbury — Marconi Oval
St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Hurstville Oval
Safeway v. APIA — Woonona Oval
Guildford v. Melita Eagles — Guildford Park
Manly v. Granville — Inman Park
NS-Inter v. Marrickville — North Sydney Oval
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Soccer Centre

FIFA open door to China

FIFA have opened the door for China's return to world football. FIFA's executive committee meeting for the first time under the presidency of Brazil's Joao Havelange, decided that any member nation could play matches against China provided they first applied for a permit from the FIFA general secretariat. Proposal from Iran that China should be allowed to play in this September's Asian Games tournament was also accepted. Previously FIFA had warned member nations that they faced sanctions for playing matches against China or any other non-members. But in agreeing to Iran's proposal that China be allowed to play in the Asian Games tournament the executive committee decided to lift all such sanctions. The executive committee also decided that after its meeting in Rome next November, a FIFA delegation headed by Havelange would visit China. China withdrew from FIFA in 1958 and a move to gain her reinstatement at the expense of Taiwan failed to achieve the necessary majority at FIFA's congress at Frankfurt last month.

World Cup books flood market

A total of 13 books have already appeared or are about to be published in West Germany on the recent World Cup.

The first to reach the market was available exactly 48 hours after the final.

It was written by Moenchengladbach's coach Hennes Weisweiler and published by Bertelsmann in 150,000 copies, selling at DM25 (about \$7).

Most of the World Cup books that were rushed to print are pictorial accounts of the series with a bare minimum of hastily written text.

Netzer's tale of woe

Gunther Netzer, who only played 20 minutes in the finals (against East Germany in Hamburg), is going to write a book about his unhappy World Cup experiences. Netzer, incidentally, may be transferred from Real Madrid to the Greek club Olympiakos.

They have between 150 and 400 pictures, most of them in color.

The prices of the books vary between DM3.80 (\$1.10) and DM 34 (\$10).

— MIKE RENWICK

Polish ace goes West

Polish ace Robert Gadocha is likely to play in West Germany soon.

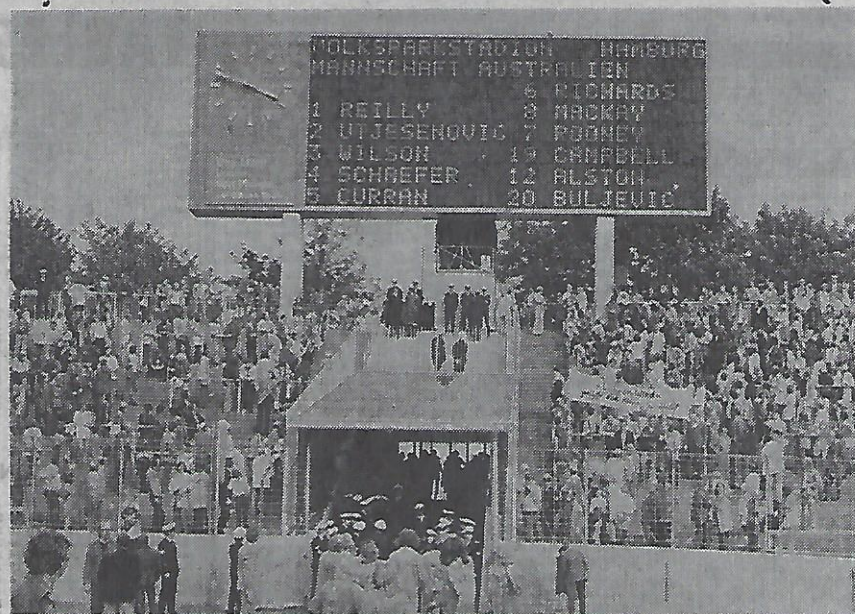
Both Bayern Munchen and Dusseldorf have started negotiations for his services.

The Polish Association is believed to be willing to grant Gadocha, 27, permission to play in the West.

It is expected that his clearance will cost at least \$150,000.

At the same time the Polish Association has flatly refused Bayern's request for the release of midfield star Kazimierz Deyna.

— MIKE RENWICK



The scoreboard in Hamburg tells the story. How many of the Socceroos who started against West Germany on June 18 will still be around for Australia's next World Cup bid?

Australia must adopt new trend

— By MIKE RENWICK —

Which way is soccer heading? This question was discussed by many during the World Cup and there was an amazing degree of agreement.

Most observers believe — such — that the game is entering a new, exciting, almost adventurous phase.

Gone, so they say, are the days of teams built entirely on defences; the failures of Italy and Brazil, operating along such lines, carry instant proof.

These two teams attacked almost reluctantly not, as many believe, because they lacked top strikers, but because they lacked even ordinary mobility.

And modern soccer, at the top, anyway, calls for tremendous mobility, a constant whirl demanding 90 minutes of running.

Of course, neither West Germany nor Holland or Poland for that matter — clearly the best three teams, even if not in this order — has built its game on players who can run but do little else.

Tactical maturity

A very high degree of individual skill and overall tactical maturity must be added to obtain the right brew.

These three teams had several nominally defensive players constantly participating in the attack: Breiter (three goals), Suurbier, Szymanski, and Vogts were anything but pinned down to their goal areas.

The Dutch and the Poles were perhaps the best exponents of a new type of overlap: when the fullback dashes though on the flank, almost brushing past his own winger whose path had been blocked.

Attacks are built on several waves and very often the first, carried by the strikers is the least important.

Behind them moves up the menace, the mobile, enterprising midfielders such as Overath, Deyna, Kasperczak, Neeskens and Van Hanegem.

And when further support is needed, one of the fullbacks comes into play, often on the opposite side to where the attack is flourishing.

You could see teams moving forward with seven or eight men, methodically and menacingly, all but occupying the strategic points leading to the enemy's goal.

This, of course, is anything but defensive soccer, even if one team must, according to the ebb and flow of the game, retreat behind the trenches.

Only those countries fared well in the World Cup which were prepared to follow this concept — and had the players to put it into practice.

You could not find a single player in the West German, Dutch or Polish teams — you can add the Swedes and East Germans for good measure — who were not athletically perfect and totally prepared to fight for every ball.

Lesson

Surely this lesson wasn't lost on Australian coach Rale Rasic, soon, it is hoped, commissioned to rebuild our national side.

From now on it will be utter luxury to include players relying only on their technical skill or unable, perhaps unwilling to tackle, run and fight for the 90 minutes.

It is also imperative for us to find players capable of playing the ball out of defence, holding it and mounting counter-attacks.

In our three matches we failed to score a goal and this, let us admit, was almost expected.

We still have no formulas for our strikers, our fullbacks overlap when the mood takes them; we are pretty inept with the dead-ball movements.

Our present-day internationals may not be able to do all this, with the best intention in the world.

It seems that in Hamburg and Berlin they just about reached their peak and most will be too old in 1977-78 anyhow.

The task now is to find some new players fitting into this new, "total soccer" concept of which Holland were the best exponents.

It's ludicrous, I know, to expect Rasic or anybody else to produce overnight a Cruyff or a Neeskens.

But these are the types of players our coaches should seek and develop, even if on a lower level.

Not impossible

Actually, all this is not quite as impossible as my sacrilegious comparison may suggest.

Today's soccer does not require the presence of many great individuals, rather eleven fit, strong, fast and intelligent players.

With very few notable exceptions (the Beckenbauers, Cruyffs, etc.) most of the "stars" of the World Cup earned their kudos because they were outstanding team men.

Few, if any, measured up to the greatness of yesteryear, such as Garrincha, Pele, Di Stefano, Matthews, Puskas and others.

And yet, through their good skills and tremendous athletic abilities, they were an important part of their team's successes.

MANY NEW FACES FOR ARGENTINA

— By LOU GAUTIER —

June 22, 1974 in West Berlin marked the end of an era for Australian soccer.

When, at 5:50 p.m., Iranian referee Jafar Namdar whistled the end of the World Cup match between Australia and Chile at the rain-soaked Olympic Stadium, he also signalled the death of a soccer team.

Australia took the field for the 0-0 draw in the following formation: Jack Reilly, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Col Curran, Ray Richards, Jim Rooney, Jim Mackay, Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Branko Buljevic.

This was Australia's strongest team — by and large the side which represented us in the 14 matches of the epic 1973-74 World Cup campaign.



BRANKO BULJEVIC

His exploits over the past 16 months made them national sporting heroes, the first household names in the history of Australian soccer.

Schaefer and Abonyi won their international spurs during the Joe Vlastis era of 1967-69, the others gained full recognition and became pillars of the national team when Rale Rasic took over in October 1970.

June 22 was tinged with sadness, and anxiety, both of which still persist today. For several players the Berlin match marked the end of the international road.

When the 1978 World Cup comes along, Jack Reilly, 29, Manfred Schaefer, 31, Ray Richards, 29, and Jim Mackay, 30, will certainly be out of contention, well into their thirties.

A big question mark must also hang over the international future of Doug Utjesenovic, 27, Jim Rooney, 27, Attila Abonyi, 27, and Branko Buljevic, 26.

Other members of the World Cup squad who will be too old in three years' time include John Warren, 31, John Watkins, 33, Ivo Rudic, 31, Max Tolson, 28, and Dave Harding, 27.

Australia must just about start from scratch for the next World Cup. Our position is the bleakest of any of the sixteen finalists in Germany, with the possible exception of Italy and Uruguay.

With only Jimmy Milisavljevic, Allan Maher, Col Curran, Harry Williams,

Peter Ollerton, Gary Manuel, Ernie Campbell and Adrian Alston (if available once he moves to Europe) still on the right side of 30 in 1978, one can measure the magnitude of the task that awaits the Australian coach — who must again be Rale Rasic.

A brand-new midfield will have to be found — and that will be a mammoth job because that department with Richards, Mackay, Baartz, Warren and Rooney has been the backbone of the Australian team for several years.

Manfred Schaefer, as Peter Wilson's indispensable back-up man and towering "double-sweeper," will be virtually impossible to replace.

Luckily, the rearguard can be built around captain Peter Wilson, who in West Germany looked every bit as competent as any of his fellow-liberos, and fullbacks Harry Williams and Col Curran, with Steve Perry and George Harris more than able substitutes who will surely get their chance too.

Goalies Milisavljevic and Maher select themselves, and Jim Fraser, if his business commitments have been sorted out, need not kiss his international career goodbye.

The attack, still Australia's Achilles' heel, will

miss Alston once he packs up and leaves for a well deserved chance to better himself in England.

Attila Abonyi and Branko Buljevic, who will be 31 and 30 respectively in Argentina, will have to decide quickly whether they are still interested in pursuing



TERRY BUTLER

their international careers as will Jimmy Rooney, who at 31 in 1978, could still find a prominent place in the Australian midfield where his experience could prove invaluable.

Gary Manuel, a poor trainer, may be lucky to retain his spot in a forward line which will almost certainly feature Peter Ollerton, a likely key player in the years ahead, and his APLA team-mate Terry Butler.

For the coming Asian tour — which is an absolute must — Australia could do worse than to select some of the promising under-23s who toured Indonesia this year.

Fausto Tarquino and Joe Palinkas of Victoria, John Cinchinski (SA) and Perth's Gary Mateljan are only some of the young hopefuls who could make the next World Cup squad if their present rate of progress is maintained.

And there are several youngsters in Sydney who deserve a chance to show what stuff they are made of also and what better than this year's Asian tour to prove themselves international material?

John Russell, Brendan Grosse, Gary Byrne and Paul Degney fall into that category while more established players like Joe Watson, Joe Fletcher, Alar Ainslie, Stuart Robertson, Les Huicker and Col Bennett cannot be overlooked in the slow, painful team rebuilding process ahead.

Top ASF brass should attend AFC meeting

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia's admission into the Asian Football Confederation may not be the anticipated formality.

Australia's fate will be decided at the AFC's Congress in Tehran in September, to be held in conjunction with the Asian Games.

Despite the recommendation by the Confederation's Executive in Bangkok last April that Australia's membership be approved, it will require a two-thirds majority in Iran to change the con-

stitution to admit a non-Asian country.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre was not all that optimistic this week that Australia would have the numbers to gain admission.

"Though we have many friends in Asia there is still a core of resentment against us which may carry the day and deny us the two-thirds majority required," he said.

The ASF, astonishingly, has no firm plans at this stage to be represented at the crucial meeting.

It is imperative that a top official travels to Tehran to present Australia's case for admission.

No one less than president Sir Arthur George or Ian Brusasco will do if we are genuine in our desire to go into Asia.



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RESULTS & SCORERS

Marconi

1 (1)
Pocock 31 min.

West's

1 (0)
Stone 60 min.

St. George

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)
Rooney 3 min., Ollerton 72 min.

Sutherland

1 (1)
Gray 34 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (0)
Barnes 48 min., Morrow 56 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Safeway

1 (0)
Fryer 63 min.

Auburn

2 (1)
Hucker 44 min., Sidey 62 min.

P. Hellenic

1 (0)
Gibson (o.g.) 88 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4 (Barton 61 min.), Richards 4, Jones 4, Byrne 4, Sinclair 4, Campbell 3, Pocock 3, Millen 3, Williams 3 (Spargo 83 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 3, Perry 4, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 4, Curran 4, Stone 4, Trebilcock 3, Iswadi 3, Lindsay 4, Byles 3 (Bendell, second half, 3), Ainslie 3 (Mostyn 65 min.).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 3, G. Harris 3, Williams 3, Schaefer 4, Coton 3, Utjesenovic 4, Grosse 3, Abonyi 3, T. Smith 3, Warren 4 (replaced Jankovic, 2, halftime), McDonald 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: M. Johnson.

Match rating: * * *

Kennedy 3, Smart 4, Jenkins 4, Wallace 4, McGhee 4, Russell 4, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3, Butler 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Haynes 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Dale 3, R. Griffiths 3, P. Thompson 3, Trail 4, Bourke 4, Cacciola 3, Gray 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Match rating: * * *

Forrester 4, Whitehead 4, Hadley 3, Mullen 4, Guidica 4, Venables 3, Armytage 3, Angelopoulos 3, Keri 3 (Davies, second half, 3), Bibby 3, R. Brown 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Madeschi 4, Fekete 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, Mackay 4, Watson 5, Muniz 4, Barnes 4, Morrow 4, Dolan 4.

TOTAL: 44.

Coach: D. Maclaren.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 4, G. Smith 3, J. Nixon 3, Darvill 4, Brady 4, Whalley 4, Turner 4, Doyle 3 (Duma 69 min.), Yaeger 3, D. Smith (Sullivan 58 min.), Wignall 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: R. Foster.

Bracklow 4, Harcombe 4, Z. Trkulja 4, Velkovski 3, Rootsey 4, McDonald 4, McGregor 3, Mihajlovic 3, Serdarevic 3, Takac 3 (S. Trkulja 58 min.), Perry 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Match rating: * * *

Hesford 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 4, Thompson 4, Allison 3 (Crowe 46 min.), Fryer 4, McGroty 4, Dodd 3, Bingham 3, Piggott 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Hoszowski 4 (replaced by Williamson 40 min.), Lawson 2, Gibson 4, Malone 4, Hucker 5, McMillan 4, Sidey 3, Stewart (sent off 15m), Deller 4, Keddie 3, Walker 4.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * * *

Tunman 4, Izatt 2, Rudic 4, Bell 3, Brankin 4, Stowell 3, Ile 3, Cullerton 4, Manuel 2, Carrizo 4, Ikonomou 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Marconi squandered a valuable point because on chances created and missed they held a distinct edge on the visitors. However, there was a marked improvement in their play and maybe the tide will now turn for the 1973 Grand Final winners. Wests, after winning the toss, forced five consecutive corners in the space of six minutes, but all to no avail and when Byrne sent Pocock away he angled a low drive past goalie Eaton to put Marconi ahead after 31 minutes. Wests came back strongly in the first 15 minutes after the break and from an Iswadi pass young Peter Stone netted from close range for a hard-fought equaliser. Both defences played well, but the uneven surface made it difficult for good passing.

Crowd: 951.

Referee: T. Davies.

— BILL VROLYKS

APIA deserved to win, but the two-goal margin flattered them. Clearly the best team in the first half when Saints never manifested themselves in attack, APIA were under some strong pressure after the interval and Peter Ollerton's 72nd minute goal, which put the issue beyond doubt, came against the run of the play. Saints improved beyond recognition when John Warren replaced young Mark Jankovic at halftime. Warren linked up well with Doug Utjesenovic to wrest the midfield from APIA and the international pair launched many promising moves which the St. George strikers, for want of a better word, were unable to finish off. APIA, let us repeat, however, were worthy winners as they played the more composed football and were far more dangerous when in possession up front.

Crowd: 4,216.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— LOU GAUTIER

It was not a matter of the one point, but the two that got away from Canterbury who dominated almost the whole game but strayed where it counts most — near the goal. When the smallest player on the field — Gray — headed home a Trail cornerkick in the 34th minute, the Berries became frustrated, finishing up with no less than four cautions on their side. It must be said that Sutherland fought for dear life and these two points have certainly saved them from further relegation worries this season — a tremendous feather in the cap of management, coach and players alike. Just as well Sutherland collected a maximum four points last week because from now on they are without their playmaker, Derek Trail, who returned home to Britain this week.

Crowd: 1,174.

Referee: R. Lorenc.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

This was a Hakoah side which played attractive football and was completely good enough to shut Croatia out of the game. No one went better than sprightly Joe Watson, whose footwork and passing were immaculate. Hakoah made their chances, but not their luck in the first half, but they opened up after halftime with a scintillating goal that made up for all the near misses. Mowbray made the incisive cut in the Souths' defence, switched to Morrow on the left. This cross came like a flash, Corry couldn't grasp it, and Barnes rammed it in. Darvill, Brady and Whalley did well enough midfield to hold most Hakoah forays, but Morrow scored once again. Youngsters Dolan, Madeschi and Barnes were all prominent in Hakoah's win.

Crowd: 1,113.

Referee: G. Warne.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Playing without five regulars — Tolson, Stonehouse, Tuckerman, Rigby and of course, Alston — Safeway spent 35 minutes gybing into the strong downfield breeze before skipper Peter Wilson's crew gradually got on top. Even then Ray Rootsey, Geoff Harcombe and Uwe Bracklow smothered their efforts. Although the wind dropped down to a solid breeze, Safeway appreciated the change, and Robert Fryer picked up the goal that mattered eight minutes after the change. Uwe Bracklow extended himself at the feet of Safeway's John Bingham when a second goal seemed imminent. Safeway all but failed from another Wilson freekick, and the big question now is whether they can even now lounge for semifinal position no. 4.

Crowd: 450.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— RAY WILLIAMS

A determined 10-man Auburn team put the skids under Pan Hellenic in a thrilling and exciting game which Auburn deserved to win. Losing Jim Stewart after only 15 minutes and Steve Hoszowski with two broken ribs five minutes before halftime, Auburn fought bravely to overcome these setbacks. Les Hucker, whose goal one minute from halftime certainly boosted Auburn's determination, played a blinder and so did Frank Malone and Steve Hoszowski in the time he was in goal. Pan Hellenic, superior in skills and ball control, gave Auburn a lesson in how to find the open spaces, but their movements collapsed for lack of shooting power and accuracy. Carrizo started some very clever moves, particularly in the first half, but many chances slipped by for lack of finishing. Ivo Rudic was solid in defence, but the whole team seemed to lack the enthusiasm required to win games. In desperation Rudic moved up in the dying minutes and Hellenic's goal came from his tremendous drive that hit Gibson on its way into the net.

Crowd: 2,400.

Referee: F. Sbbsa.

— CHARLES SPITERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	14	1	42	6	28	
Wests	11	2	25	13	24	
APIA	9	2	31	9	20	
St. George	8	—	28	21	16	
Marconi	5	6	19	23	12	
Sutherland	5	2	6	14	17	
Safeway	5	2	6	12	20	
Yugal-Prague	5	2	8	12	25	
Pan Hellenic	3	5	10	14	11	
Croatia	3	2	10	8	32	
Auburn	2	3	10	19	7	
Canterbury	2	3	10	13	29	

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	11	3	15	25		
Hakoah	8	3	18	10	19	
Wests	8	2	24	17		
Safeway	7	3	20	14	17	
St. George	6	4	5	21	15	
Sutherland	4	6	25	18	14	
APIA	4	3	6	25	20	
Auburn	4	3	4	9	14	
Canterbury	3	1	9	30	7	
Pan Hellenic	2	1	10	9	22	
Yugal-Prague	1	3	10	8	35	

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	11	3	1	46	16	25
Balgownie	11	1	3	39	18	23
Guilford	8	5	3	35	30	21
Manly	8	4	3	23	14	20
Melita Eagles	8	4	2	26	19	18
Rapid	6	3	5	20	18	15
Marrickville	5	2	7	28	31	12
Bankstown	5	1	7	20	27	11
Corinthians	5	1	3	21	14	20
Newtown	2	4	9	17	34	8
Polonia	3	2	8	17	37	8
NS-Inter	—	4	11	11	31	4

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	10	2	2	35	12	22
Granville	9	3	3	43	13	21
Manly	9	3	2	36	13	21
Melita Eagles	10	1	4	30	19	21
Bankstown	8	4	3	21	14	20
Guilford	6	2	7	41	30	12
NS-Inter	6	—	8	21	37	12
Corinthians	5	1	7	23	27	11
Polonia	4	1	8	27	45	9
Rapid	4	1	8	23	42	9
Marrickville	3	—	10	22	47	6
Newtown	1	3	9	10	29	5

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	1	1	37	4	25
Bankstown	11	1	2	26	13	23
Balgownie	8	4	—	42	9	20
Granville	6	4	4	15	13	16
Guilford	6	3	2	22	15	15
Polonia	5	4	2	23	16	14
NS-Inter	4	2	7	18	26	10
Melita Eagles	4	—	10	18	27	10
Corinthians	3	2	6	15	19	9
Newtown	2	4	7	11	31	8
Rapid	—	5	7	7	30	5
Marrickville	1	3	10	11	41	5

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gal	11	2	3	32	14	24
Arndcliffe	10	3	3	38	12	23
Nth. Districts	1	1	8	15	21	11
West Ryde	10	4	2	29	21	21
Warringah	9	1	4	34	16	19
Revesby	6	3	6	30	27	15
Campbelltown	6	1	10	19	32	13
Wentworth	5	8	24	16	10	
W. Sutherland	3	2	7	20	31	8
Gladesville	2	4	9	19	34	8
Uni. of NSW	1	5	9	20	39	7
Belmore	2	3	9	14	35	7

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	12	3	—	39	9	27
Queens Park	9	4	2	38	15	22
Chelsea	8	3	4	28	20	20
Bondi	7	5	4	26	18	19
Riverstone	7	3	5	42	29	17
Greenwich	7	3	6	36	35	17
Yagoona	6	5	27	24	16	
Blacktown	6	2	5	39	23	14
Norpan	5	2	8	36	29	12
Concordia	2	2	11	19	60	6
W. St. George	3	—	13	22	66	6
Arndcliffe	2	12	17	17	49	4

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	9	3	2	40	20	21
Revesby	9	1	4	45	26	19
Artarmon	7	2	8	36	19	19
Eastwood	6	2	6	40	30	18
Holroyd	6	2	5	25	17	17
Lethbridge	7	4	5	39	34	18
Sydney Uni.	6	4	2	29	21	16
Maroubra	6	2	8	27	33	12
Lane Cove	4	4	6	19	28	12
Macquarie Uni.	4	3	8	28	42	11
Nth. Bankstown	2	4	8	18	35	8
South Sydney	1	2	11	15	49	4

THIRD DIVISION						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	13	2	1	48	16	28
Kingsford	9	2	4	28	23	20
Ryde	8	4	4	39	35	20
Cabravala	8	1	4	29	16	17
Fairfield-Kiev	7	1	6	36	20	15
North Ryde	5	4	6	28	30	14
Hurstville	5	2	8	18	24	12
Auburn	3	6	6	16	24	12
Earlwood	4	3	7	22	23	11
Canley Heights	4	2	7	15	34	10
Dee Why	4	1	10	25	40	9
Blacktown	4	—	11	20	39	8

SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIP

APIA'S BREATHING DOWN HAKOAH'S NECK!

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

ROUND 17

With APIA confirming their place as Hakoah's chief challenger for the premiership crown, I'm prepared to just about concede the pair their semifinal positions, leaving Pan Hellenic, Wests, St. George and Safeway looking for one of the two remaining spots.

Absolutely vital, then are the games at Woonona, Drummoyne and Wentworth, where the respective opponents are Safeway-St. George, Wests-Auburn and Pan Hellenic-Yugal.

Here's how I see the weekend prospects:

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Yugal, not much above relegation worries, are out to upset premiership contenders Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park and a win is not outside their range.

They spent the first half of the competition depending upon Zivko Trkulja in defence and State star Ilya Takac in midfield for their best efforts.

Now the strength is more in the hands of Ray Roodsey and young Steve McDonald. The latter's heading and tactical sense has barred many an attacker from his apparently deserved reward.

Pan Hellenic, however, happily placed with three games in hand, will need to take Yugal with care after the loss to Auburn.

Rasic and the committee planned well at the start of the year. Two of the three deferred games are against "weakies" Croatia and Canterbury.

Safeway v. St. George

This popular clash should draw well at Woonona. After St. George, Safeway follows on against Pan

Hellenic and Wests — how about that! Yet five of their last six games are on the Coast and hope still springeth eternal.

Whilst waiting for a Safeway midfield resurgence, the loss of Adrian Alston provides the club with a further handicap.

Saints are in no way brittle, and I fancy their chances especially as John Warren is back and Stoddart is on the mend.

Stoddart too often is taken for granted, but his experience and non-stop grafting is one of Saints' greatest assets.

Canterbury v. Hakoah

Injury to Joe Fletcher robbed Hakoah of that aura of certain victory that enveloped them but a month ago, but some of it was restored in last Sunday's 2-0 win against Croatia.

They are relishing the chance to meet Canterbury and then Sutherland before tackling APIA.

Against Canterbury, then, they have too much firepower all round, and the Saturday fans will get some joy from another sighting of Agencor Muniz, surely the most improved midfield player in the game today.

Unless Canterbury can start piling on the goals, then relegation stares them in the face.

At present too much depends upon Matt Guildes, Lester Forrester and Alan Venables, and their cocky, never-say-die spirit needs desperately to re-emerge at the front.

Croatia v. Marconi

I favor Marconi for the points in a pretty even encounter.

Ray Richards is back, and when you look at talent of the calibre of Barry Jones, Gary Byrne, Stuart Robertson and Paul Degney you see potential that so many clubs can't match.

Croatia have more entertainment value than some credit them with, but John Doyle needs to become more consistent and the midfield is workmanlike rather than craftsmanlike.

Frank Brady is again having a vintage year, but if both Ray Pocock and Ernie Campbell come on strong for Marconi, he will have his work cut out to contain them.

Neither side is quite out of the woods on the relegation issue, and the significance of the result upon their points will not be lost on either.

APIA v. Sutherland

All those little gibes about "Macapia" don't mean much when the Maroons get under way. The triumvirate of Botticelli, Blues and Keith filled the gap admirably whilst Tom Anderson was World-Cupping, and the Leichhardt brigade are getting close to the premiership box seat.

Melbourne capture John Wallace has more than proved himself in recent matches, and personally speaking, I've been glad to see the tenacious young Alan Smart grabbing the chance to show his wares in defence.

Sutherland's hopes of a win are slim indeed, although they wouldn't have a clue of how to give up no matter how astronomical the odds are.

I don't see Sutherland coach Jimmy Livingstone indulging in the liberty of allowing Paul Smith to wander too far up front in this one. His undoubted talent for probing will be conditioned by the pressure that APIA exerts on Col Bennett in the centre.

Phil Branson and Peter Wykes, the Sutherland backs, are in for a torrid afternoon, and if they don't have a measure of success against "Terrier" Terry Butler and "Greyhound" George Blues, the score is sure to mount.

Wests v. Auburn

Wests just have to be favorites against Auburn in spite of the great Auburn wins over Safeway and Pan Hellenic, but as they lack

a power-laden attack, every game won must be won the hard way.

The successes of 100% triers Auburn so often stem from Frank Malone's brainy passes reinforced by Les Hucker's dominance in the middle, but needed is some of those ripping goals that Dave Kiddie has the capacity to deliver.

Wests' semifinal dream could be shattered were they to lose this one.

The points are vital as they can hardly expect to get the lot from their opponents over the last four rounds: St. George, Safeway, Pan Hellenic and APIA.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

P. OILERTON (APIA)	14
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	9
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	9
T. BUTLER (APIA)	7
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
T. MORROW (Hakoah)	6

REFEREES

First Division: Canterbury v. Hakoah — B. Wilkinson; APIA v. Sutherland — T. Davies; Wests v. Auburn — G. Warner; Croatia v. Marconi — A. McKenzie; Pan Hellenic v. Yugal-Prague — R. Lorenz; Safeway v. St. George — P. Rampley.

Second Division: NS-Inter v. Granville — K. Small; Newtown v. Rapid — H. Witschge; Marrickville v. Bankstown — J. Henkelman; Polonia v. Guildford — B. Thompson; Corinthians v. Balgownie — P. Graham; Melita Eagles v. Manly — H. Witschge.

ROTHMANS CUP DRAW

This weekend's Rothmans State Cup draw for Round 5:

● Saturday: Balgownie v. Campbelltown — Balgownie Oval; Newtown v. Adamstown and Guildford v. Warragah — Guildford Park; Bankstown v. Marrickville and Northern Districts v. Westons (Round 4 replay) — Englefield Stadium; Polonia v. Melita Eagles and Toongabbie v. Corinthians — Girraween Park.

● Sunday: Revesby Workers v. Wentworth Waratah — Milperra Reserve.

Deferred match

Sutherland 1 Safeway 0

Sutherland moved up the ladder into relative safety from relegation by winning last week's floodlit deferred match 1-0 at Seymour Shaw Park against Safeway United.

The home team deserved its win. It held a distinct territorial advantage throughout and in Derek Trail the locals had the man of the match.

Sutherland: Haynes 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4, Dale 3, R. Griffiths 4, P. Thompson 4, Trail 5, Bourke 3, Cacciola 3, Gray 3.

Safeway: Hesford 3, Roberts 4, Wilson 4, Gleeson 3, A. Thompson 4, Allison 4, Fryer 3, McGroarty 4, Tolson 3, Bingham 3, Pisgott 3.

Score: Trail 48 min. Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 607.

— BILL VROLYKS



OUCH! Even John Watkiss' broad back wasn't meant to carry such a load. Some of the goal-mouth action from last weekend's Hakoah-Croatia match.

INTERSUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Fabulous goal — but Yagoona wins

Peter Pearson netted Nepean's contribution to Golden Goals for the Australian year against Yagoona at Cook Park last Saturday, but the more telling attacks that came from Yagoona under windy conditions ran them out 2-1 winners.

The Pearson goal was a first-timer from the edge of the box after Dave Mathews had passed to Dennis Thomas, whose flick found Pearson at the right moment and in full flight.

The equaliser came after 55 minutes following a bad Nepean back-pass, and the winner 15 minutes later after a corner kick.

Coach Phil Martin came in as a player again for West St. George, who downed Arncliffe 2-1 at Evatt Park, and West rose from the bottom of the table.

Brian Kasler, ex-St. George and still only 18, netted both of his team's goals.

TOO GOOD

Padstow Park proved too good for Artarmon on the bumpy Soccer Centre surface.

Eddie Murphy opened the scoring, with Artarmon leading 1-0 at halftime, but two Padstow goals in the last 15 minutes settled the issue.

Two goals came from veteran Morrie Smith in Eastwood Town's 3-1 victory over highly-placed Revesby Rovers at Eastwood Oval.

The home side was well served by Englishman Vic Mankin, who played with all stops out in the midfield.

On Sunday, Eastwood followed up with another home win, this time coming out victor against Artarmon 3-1.

Goalkeeper Dennis Simmonds distinguished himself by saving an Artarmon penalty shot.

— KEITH GILMOUR

OLYMPICS NEXT?

Australia may be a surprise entrant for the 1976 Olympic Games' soccer tournament.

The ASF is considering sending Australia's entry form to FIFA before the September 30 deadline, even if we have to withdraw later.

Australia's participation in the Asian zone, from which three teams will qualify for the finals in Canada, will depend on the state of the ASF's finances.

Our second Olympic venture would involve amateur players only though there is nothing to prevent Australia to field semi-professionals like the South American countries.

Australia took part, as the host country, in the 1956 Olympics where we beat Japan 2-0 before losing 2-4 to India in the quarterfinals.

— LOU GAUTIER



Hakoah's Tom Morrow, who scored a fine goal, and Frank Brady, the Croatia stopper who was possibly the best player on the field, clash in this incident from last Sunday's championship match at Wentworth Park. Hakoah won 2-0 to increase its lead at the top of the table.



Roll on 1978... by decree

Dr. Artemio Franchi, the Italian president of UEFA has denied claiming non-sporting considerations might stop the 1978 World Cup being held in Argentina. Franchi was quoted earlier as saying that the World Cup in Argentina was in jeopardy because of the "confused" situation there. Meanwhile, the Argentine Government of President Isabelita Peron has issued a 1,100-word decree to form a committee to prepare for the 1978 finals — or rather a committee to help the committee already in existence. But it is the first World Cup decree to be issued under the new Government, so perhaps things may be different this time. The latest decree sets aside 5 per cent of the country's soccer pools' net earnings for organising the World Cup.

South American Champions' Cup

The preliminary stage of the South American Champions' Cup has finally ended with Sao Paulo (Brazil) winning Group 2 to qualify for the semifinals with Penarol (Uruguay), Millonarios (Colombia), Defensor Lima (Peru), Huracan and Independiente (both of Argentina). The semifinals, played in two groups of three clubs, start next week.

No interest in America

There was no live television of the World Cup anywhere in the USA or Canada. Canada, through the enterprise of the Canadian Soccer Association, was, however, able to see some games on a delayed basis. Other than this, games were shown on closed circuit in cinemas all across the continent at whacking admission prices that were calculated to attract only those fans already committed to soccer. As usual the news media was totally unable to comprehend the importance of what was taking place in West Germany. Like Australia not so long ago, what?

Amancio, the famous Real Madrid and Spain captain, may limp for the rest of his life as the result of a vicious foul in the last match of the 1973-74 Spanish season by Granada right-back Fernando Fernandez. Amancio, who naturally has had to retire from the game, will collect insurance policies in excess of \$300,000.

Argentinian World Cup defender Quique Wolff is going to Spain. He will play for Las Palmas next season. Las Palmas' goalie, the Argentinian international Carnevali, was named Spanish Player of the Year for the 1973-74 season, surprisingly ahead of Barcelona's Johan Cruyff.

Attendances continue to show an improvement in the North American League with an average crowd of 11,863 spectators after the first 17 games. San Jose, Miami and Seattle are attracting the largest crowds, putting such established soccer centres as New York and Toronto to shame.

The first-ever European Championship for schoolboys will be held in West Germany next year as part of the German FA's 75th anniversary celebrations. The England under-15 side, Scotland, Wales, Eire, France, Holland and Switzerland have been invited in the tournament, which will be played along World Cup lines.

Ken Brown, the former West Ham centre-half, is the new manager of England's Third Division Hereford. Brown, last year assistant to John Bond at Norwich, finished his playing career with Hereford four years ago.

Ex-Real Madrid legend Alfredo Di Stefano has resigned as manager of ailing Spanish First Division club Valencia. Di Stefano, 48, was brought to Valencia four years ago after coaching Boca Juniors to the Argentine league championship in 1969-70. He worked a similar miracle on the then lacklustre Valencia team, taking them to their first Spanish championship in 24 years in his first season with the club.

Dragan Dzacic won't be leaving Yugoslavia after all. The talented left winger, whose World Cup performances were not all that brilliant, has decided to remain with Red Star Belgrade instead of moving to West Germany or to Real Madrid with coach Milan Miljanic.

Chilean goalkeeper Juan Olivares, 33, has been transferred from Union Espanola to FC Magallanes of Santiago for a song. Olivares, the hero of Chile's 0-0 elimination draw with the USSR in Moscow last August, was kept out of the Chilean World Cup team in Germany by Leopoldo Vallejos.

Another Chilean on the move is striker Carlos Humberto Caszely, who was sent off in the World Cup opener in Berlin against West Germany on June 14. Caszely, whose Second Division Spanish club, Levante, have been relegated to Division III, will play in France. He wanted to return home but his espousal of the Allende cause might not be very popular.

Peru's Teofilo Salinas, who has been president of the South American Football Confederation since 1966, has been re-elected to a third term, but it was a close thing. A second vote was necessary and the issue was only decided when Uruguay and Argentina changed their support from Paraguay's Duarte Pallares to Salinas to bring about a solution.

Yugoslav champions for the fifth time since 1965, Hajduk Split had 10 of their players in Yugoslavia's World Cup "40". Hajduk, however, only won the 1973-74 title on goal-average from surprise-packet Velez, who too often last season had to play without their injured centre-forward and top scorer Dusan Bajevic.

The South American Championship (between national teams) will be restarted and held every two years from now. The championship has not been held since 1967 because the South American Champions' Cup (Libertadores Cup) has been commanding much more attention and taking over too much time.

Fernando Morena, Uruguay's 22-year-old striker who toured Australia, has joined Real Madrid for \$700,000. The contract was finalised by Real's new coach, Yugoslav World Cup boss Milan Miljanic, before the disappointing Uruguayans flew home after flopping in Germany. Morena's World Cup displays were nothing to write home about. Adrian Alston was far more impressive.

Former Dutch national team-manager Frantisek Fadronc is likely to work in Greece next season. During the World Cup he had talks with the president of AEK Athens, who offered him a three-year contract.

Yugoslavia's new national team boss may be their former great winger of the 1940's and early 1950's, Branko Zebec. World Cup manager Miljanic is now in Spain with Real Madrid and his assistants, Toblak and Ciric, have taken up lucrative coaching posts in the United States.

According to Fritz Walter, who steered West Germany to their sensational 1954 World Cup triumph, Poland's Gadocha is the best winger in the world today. Walter wanted his old club, Kaiserslautern, to sign the Polish ace, whose services, however, have been snapped up by Bayern Munchen.

Hector Rial, the classy forward of the great Real Madrid team of the fifties and early sixties, has completed his term as Spain's amateur and junior coach. His new assignment takes him to Mexico to coach Guadalajara.

France, Spain, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, West Germany and England are in the last eight of the fourth World University Championships now being staged in France.

As a result of the World Cup fiasco there were few spectacular off-season transfers in Italy, all the leading internationals staying put. Of the 22 Italians in West Germany only Albertosi, Burginich and Bellugi have changed clubs.

David Hay, the brilliant 26-year-old midfielder-linkman of Celtic who starred for Scotland in the World Cup finals and recently transferred to Chelsea for \$400,000, had been angling after a move to the big-time in London for almost a year despite the fact he has been reputed to be on £100 per week and more with the Glasgow club. Hay joined Celtic in 1965 from the St. Mirrens Boys' Guild.

The Rumanian FA has authorised Stefan Kovacs to remain two more years as coach of the French national team. The former Ajax coach covered the World Cup for French, Rumanian and Dutch newspapers.

A virtually unknown French player, 24-year-old Daniel Fuchs, who played for Metz, has joined Panathinaikos after impressing coach Ferenc Puskas in a friendly match.

The French national amateur team has completed an undefeated seven-match tour of Asia and the Pacific. The French beat South Vietnam 4-1 in Saigon and thrashed New Caledonia 4-1 and 5-0 in Noumea during their three-week trip which saw them score 22 goals and only concede two. They also played in Tahiti and in the New Hebrides.

Marseille, of France, have signed Brazilian forward Paulo Cesar, whose World Cup displays in Germany, were mediocre. The transfer fee was \$400,000. Marseille also wanted Jairzinho, but were put off by the \$1 million demanded by Botafogo. Jairzinho's form in the World Cup finals was several classes below that which revealed him to an admiring world in Mexico four years ago. Against Poland, in the play-off match for third place, he was the worst player on the field, and positively embarrassing.

He must be kidding. In the current issue of England's "Goal" magazine, Scottish skipper Billy Bremner writes that the world should imitate Scotland's soccer style and forget about World Cup finalists West Germany and Holland. "Scotland", the boastful Leeds captain claims, "showed the world how it should be done — and were the best team of the 1974 World Cup." Scotland didn't lose against Brazil or Yugoslavia, but they didn't win either. And soccer is about winning, about scoring goals.

The former Yugoslav national team manager, Yuhadin Boskov, will coach the Dutch club ADO (The Hague) next season.

The Canadian national team, as part of its preparation for the 1976 Olympic tournament in Montreal, makes a European tour in October, playing full internationals against Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and two amateur internationals in West Germany. A West German, Eckhard Krautzun, coaches the Canadians.

World Cup echoes

"The Australians, minus their best player Ray Baartz, displayed a surprisingly mature brand of football", writes Jean-Philippe Rethacker of France's "L'Equipe" in one of many World Cup reviews now appearing all over the world. "Their football was precise, intelligent and thoroughly modern", Rethacker continues. "It was impossible to tell that their players came from the far end of the world, where they are isolated from the mainstream of soccer. Adrian Alston, whose technique was remarkable, was a revelation and in Peter Wilson the Australians fielded one of the tournament's most competent liberos".

Franz Beckenbauer's film, "Libero", was not a re-rounding commercial success, but his record "You alone" netted him \$17,000. The West German captain expects his World Cup book, published in conjunction with a coffee company, to rake in at least \$30,000. Most of the 50,000 copies have already been sold though it only hits the bookstores on August 1.

Gregorz Lato, the 24-year-old winger from Stal Mielec who took the world by storm in Germany, may play in France next season. The World Cup's leading goalscorer may be given a special dispensation to play for Lens, whose management and support are drawn from Polish miners in the north of France.

Former Israeli skipper Mordechai Shpigler is back in Tel-Aviv after two seasons in France. He has rejoined his old club, Maccabi Nathanya, and will be Israel's key player in their bid to win September's Asian Games in Tehran and to qualify for the Olympic tournament in Montreal. Shpigler was in Germany for the Cup as a television commentator.

Ronnie Hellstrom, the brilliant Swedish goalkeeper who for some experts was the best 'keeper in the

finals, is in a foul mood because he signed for West German club Kaiserslautern BEFORE the tournament. His signing-on fee, in May, was \$10,000. Had he waited six weeks he could easily have commanded five times that amount.

More praise for Tony Boskovic, this time by the Belgian daily, "Les Sports". "The Australian referee", writes the newspaper in an article on World Cup referees, "was not afraid to show the players he was the boss. He was not impressed by Cruyff's reputation and did not hesitate to book him. If more referees had imitated the little Australian, some of the matches would have been less ill-tempered".

Paul Breitner, West Germany's dynamic fullback whose left-wing political views have got him in hot water, decided to "celebrate" his team's World Cup victory by adding to his family. Breitner last week adopted a six-month-old Nigerian orphan, Mark. Breitner will donate half of his considerable World Cup bonus to a school for blind children.

Brazilian referee Armando Marques will be carted by FIFA for shoving Wolfgang Overath in the chest and remonstrating with him during the West Germany v. Yugoslavia match at Dusseldorf. According to observers this unbecomingly incident possibly cost the Brazilian the final which Joao Havelange, the new president of FIFA, was keen to see his countryman control.

The world's Press may have selected Johan Cruyff as the best player of the World Cup, but the loyal Germans thought that "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer, was the best player. A referendum conducted by German sporting editors gave the following results: 1 Beckenbauer, 2 Cruyff, 3 Deyna (Poland), 4 Neeskens (Holland), 5 Bremner (Scotland).

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In the PUBLIC SERVICE competition Garden Island beat RGO 3-0 and PMG defeated Water Board 4-0. Coming fixtures are: Justice Dept. v. Motor Transport on Thursday, July 25, and Public Works v. PMG on Wednesday, July 31. Both matches start at 1 p.m.

Engadine Eagles held a WALKATHON last week to raise funds for their senior club, Sutherland Shire. One hundred and ten lads between the ages of 6 and 18 and 30 officials raised almost \$700, a percentage of which will boost Sutherland's flagging finances.

Can anybody top this? Goalkeeper DAVID FERRIS, from Lindfield's under-16 team, has saved four consecutive penalties. Is it a record?

JOHN WARREN is guest speaker at Queensland's Sportmen's Dinner in Brisbane next week. While on the subject of Brisbane, the hot tip is that when, and if, the popular Clem Jones retires, Ian Brusasco, the high-ranking ASF official, will replace him as Lord Mayor.

Congratulations will soon be in order for St. George's talented young BRENDAN GROSSE, who on August 31 marries Kathy Mollica. Brendan, who looks distinct Soccerroo material, is a second year law student. He only turns 20 in September.

Popular ABC commentator MARTIN ROYAL won't be back before the middle of September. He is enjoying well earned long-service leave, with his wife, on the Continent and his native England after covering the World Cup. Martin hasn't been back to England since 1946.

Cronulla Rugby League team, the "Sharks", in a spirit of brotherly love, have lent Sutherland their masseur, J. CROWLEY, until the soccer club finds a replacement for their masseur, who left them a fortnight ago.

TICKETS for the England Schools v. Australia Schools international at Sydney Sportsground on Saturday, August 10, are available from the NSW Federation, 251 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

NZ Unis coming

A New Zealand Universities team will be in Australia for three weeks on a nationwide tour next month.

During their tour the New Zealanders will play matches in all States against most Australian Universities.

The tourists arrive on August 10, with their first match being against the University of NSW on the 11th.

The New Zealand players were chosen from students currently studying at universities in New Zealand.

The tour culminates in a test match against the Australian Universities XI on Saturday, August 31.

Australia's side was selected at the recent intervarsity tournament held at Tamworth, where University teams from all over Australia played against each other in this annual competition.

The test is to be hosted by the University of NSW and will be played at the David Phillips Field, Kingsford.

St. George-Budapest have now got the green light for their soccer stadium — Barton Park, at Arncliffe. The club is to spend \$100,000 immediately to get the ground ready for its first championship match in mid-1975. By 1978 the ground should be a showpiece of Sydney soccer.

both Street, Sydney; the Australian Federation, 155 King Street, Sydney; David Jones Mens' Store, Corner Market and Castlereagh Streets, Mitchell's, 5 Hunter Arcade, Wynyard; NSW Sports Store, 61 York Street; Four R Sports World, Fairfield; Allround Sports Centre, Liverpool; Western Suburbs Soccer Club, Five Dock. In addition, ticket purchases can be made through various junior associations and schools and First and Second Division football clubs.

The NSW AMATEUR CUP and ROBERTSON CUP (under-21) semifinals will all be contested on Sunday week. Contestants are: Amateur Cup — Harbord Diggers, Sans Souci, West Pymble and Granville Waratahs; Robertson Cup — Villawood Diamonds, Cronulla RSL, Bass Hill RSL and Como West.

First Division clubs will make their ROHMANN'S STATE CUP debut on Wednesday, September 11, when all matches in the final rounds will be played midweek in between premiership semifinals. The State Cup semifinals will be played at the Sportsground on Sunday, October 6, and the final, at Wentworth Park, on October 13.

KEVIN D'ARCY, popular liaison officer for the NSW Federation for so many years, was up from Melbourne last week-end and met many of his former associates at the Hakoah-Croatia match at Wentworth Park.

INTER COMPANY COMPETITION results from last weekend: AWA v. Phillips 1-0; IBM v. Nashua 0-3; ICL v. Caltex 2-2; Dunn and Bradstreet v. Nestles 13-3. Standings: AWA 22 points; NCR 19; Nashua 17; Caltex 12; D & B, Nestles 11; IBM 5; Phillips 4; ICL 3.

RAY BAARTZ is still undecided about his future, though he has firmly decided never to play again as he cannot take the risk of another injury which may harm him irreparably. He will soon have to decide whether he remains in Sydney or sets himself up in business in Newcastle. Meanwhile, it would be nice if the Australian Federation speeded up the not inconsiderable matter of insurance and compensation for the stricken star.

JOHN WARREN this week was appointed first grade coach of St. George-Budapest. Mike Johnson is officially on a seven-week "paid holiday", as the club so nicely puts it, which in effect means his days with the club are

Thank you "Newsweek"

In our July 12 issue we omitted to give the source of the article headed "Money is the name". Most of the story was reproduced from the mass-circulation "Newsweek" magazine.

over though his contract still has 16 months to run. Manfred Schaefer will assist with the team's conditioning.

Although there were rumours of a POSSIBLE MERGER between Auburn and Granville, Auburn president Ken Ferguson confirmed that there are no current talks between the clubs whatsoever. Whether it ever happens is another matter also, but there is something to be said for the principle of one large club for such a big overall area.

Former St. George midfield player DAVID CLISS will have a direct interest in the displays of the English Schools team. David himself was capped for England Schools in the same side as Jimmy Greaves.

Soccer lost a great worker last week with the passing of LESTER WAUD, foundation president of the Third Division West Ryde Rovers Soccer Club. Les Waud gave yeoman service to the Rovers in their various facets, and at the time of his death at the age of 54 he was vice-president and was filling in a breach as acting club secretary. Our sincere condolences to his wife and family. His sons have all been capable players with the club, and son Alan is president for 1974.

There were some good results in the first night of the floodlit SCHOOLS COMPETITION at Echoes Stadium last Friday night. Turramurra High beat Normanshurst 4-1; Arthur Phillip 1 goal 7 corners beat Marsden 1 goal and 3 corners. Tonight Asquith plays Ku-ring-gai, Epping plays Pennant Hills and Carlingford plays North Ryde. Peter Winney won the Taft track suit and this week Tiger training shoes are up for grabs.

FRANK SBISA will be missing from the refereeing scene this week when he flies to the Philippines on a business trip. While in Manila, he will referee a top game by invitation of the Philippine Football Association. He will also be meeting

FOUL QUESTION

Connoisseurs of World Cup history may be interested in an answer given to a newspaper reader's question in West Germany by Werner Liebrich, West Germany's 1954 centre-half.

Many still believe the kick which really won the 1954 World Cup was that with which Liebrich lamed Puskas in a preliminary game won by Hungary 8-3.

Puskas didn't play again till the final, in which he was clearly unfit and West Germany won.

"Did you kick him on purpose?" the reader boldly asked.

"No," replied Liebrich, "I went for the ball and his foot got in the way. Puskas has admitted to me himself that it was not a foul."

FIFA referee Fernando Alvarez, who is also the Philippine FA secretary.

WALLY HENRIETTY, Melita Eagles' halfback, has been transferred to Adelaide and left Sydney last Monday.

Referee FRED RAINES, a teacher at Sydney Grammar School, is a happy man these days. For the first time, Sydney Grammar has embraced soccer as a school sport and this year they fielded four successful teams in the open, 14's, 15's and 16's grades.

JIM CHRISTIE, the Guildford coach, will relinquish his job when the season ends due to pressure of business. The Wanderers are already negotiating for a new man for 1975.

The Coaches' Federation PRELIMINARY COURSES have been set down for the University of NSW on the weekends of 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 October. Bridging courses between preliminary and senior certificates will be conducted on 5/6 October. Bookings may be made with Dr. Gordon Waterlow (Tel. 624-3497) for these weekends, and also for the senior live-in course from November 29 to December 6. The Australian Schools squad will be quartered at Parklea Coaching Academy in preparation for the international against England through from August 3 to Saturday, August 10. The coaches have decided against camps for junior players in the August/September school holidays. Teams can, however, book for week or weekend camps, with the coach and manager admitted free of charge. At each camp sets of instructions will be prepared for the club coach, to provide a well-programmed syllabus for the year ahead.

49 CAPS MANNY'S RECORD

Manfred Schaefer is now Australia's most capped footballer in any code of football.

His three World Cup matches and his appearances en route to Germany against Indonesia and Israel have brought his tally of international selections to 49 — one more than Ray Baartz, whose career came to a tragic end on April 28 against Uruguay.

After the World Cup, Australia's most capped soccer players are:

Manfred Schaefer	49
Ray Baartz	48
John Warren	44
Attila Abonyi	42
Adrian Alston	36
Peter Wilson	34
Ray Richards	32
Billy Vojtek	31
Jim Mackay	31
Stan Ackerley	28
Ron Corry	28
John Watkins	23
Doug Ujeseonovic	23
Branko Buljevic	22
Jim Rooney	22
George Keith	20
Tom McColl	19
Max Tolson	16
Col Curran	15
Jack Reilly	15

After the World Cup, Australia's record in full internationals reads:

● Played:	122
● Won:	60
● Drew:	23
● Lost:	39
● Goals for:	269
● Goals against:	202

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MELITA — MANLY LOOMS AS TOP CLASH THIS WEEK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Competition leaders Granville and their most dangerous challengers, Balgownie, retained the top notches on the table, but both won their matches unconvincingly last weekend.

Newtown won their second game of the season, which isolates North Sydney-Inter at the bottom of the table.

However, the big talking point of the round were the six goals (in two games) scored by Melita Eagles striker Joe Farrugia, who now heads the Second Division goalscoring list.

NS-Inter v. Melita Eagles 0-2

North Sydney, fighting hard to avoid relegation, could only hold Melita until the interval, then finally succumbed to a well-drilled Eagles side.

Joe Farrugia, playing at the top of his form, cracked his first goal 10 minutes after the break from a cross by Paul Vrolyks. He followed this with another goal soon after from a pass by Peter Sciberras.

The game was fast and exciting as North Sydney kept coming back, but Melita were always in control.

With 15 minutes to go Peter Sciberras was sent off and the Eagles finished with 10 men.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Caprizzi, Impelezzari, Thompson, Foster, Dimento, Spresian, Massi, Monteleone, Ribera, Sommer.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Van Blerk, Ferguson, Vrolyks, Balenzuela, D. McAusland, Huntley, Farrugia (2), Bankhead, Sciberras, Azzopardi.

Guildford v. Newtown 4-3

Guildford figured in yet another high-scoring match, which they finally won by the odd goal.

With Eddie Williams hitting top form, the Wanderers were three goals up within 20 minutes, but they relaxed and five minutes into the second half were only 3-2 in the lead.

But Williams booted them further ahead and with 15 minutes to go Newtown got a penalty to finish one goal behind.

Williams and Dobbin were the pick of the Guildford team.

Guildford: Wilson, Parle,

Fraser, Brewin, Schofield, Dobbin, Lowe, Coleman (Haydec), Robinson, Stephenson (1), Williams (3).

Melita Eagles v. Marrickville 4-1

Four superb goals by Farrugia brought Melita Eagles out of their recent slump.

Despite the score, Marrickville never gave up and kept coming back at the Eagles.

Farrugia scored twice in each half, playing a blinder all round.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Van Blerk, Ferguson, Vrolyks, Balenzuela, D. McAusland, Huntley, Farrugia (4), Bankhead, Sciberras, Azzopardi.

Marrickville: McDonald, Brettie (Saliba), Reilly, Pondekas, McGurin (1), Hamlon, McCulloch, Henshaw, J. Mackin, Hardy, G. Mackin.

Balgownie v. Marrickville 1-0

A goal 10 minutes from the end gave Balgownie the points in an exciting match watched by a crowd of more than 1,000.

Facing the wind, Balgownie attacked for most of the first half, but good defence by Marrickville kept them out.

Balgownie continued to press in the second half, but their attacks were breaking down against a determined Marrickville back line.

Don Shanks, who will be returning to England soon, finally broke the ice with a shot just outside the penalty box.

George McCulloch had one of his best games for the Sydney side.

Marrickville: McDonald, Brettie, McGurin, Pondekas, Hardy, Hamlon, McCulloch, Henshaw (Gould), J. Mackin, McGill, G. Mackin.

Bankstown v. Granville 0-2

In a hard fought game at the soccer centre, Granville returned to form, cracking two first half goals to take both points.

Don Allen opened the scoring in the 20th minute and Stan Marshall notched

the second goal in the 35th minute.

Ray Gardiner had a tremendous game, as did young Bruce Waldron, at half-back for the winners.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, O'May, Brown, Gardiner, Waldron, Allen (1) (Biglands), Gilmour, Marshall (1), Waters, Fraser.

Manly v. Polonia 1-0

A penalty 15 minutes after the start gave Manly the points, but the seashores should have won more comfortably.

They dominated the game but were denied certain goals by some fine saves by the Polonia goalkeeper Szadzy, who in the first 20 minutes alone saved three shots from point-blank range.

The Polonia defence was well marshalled by the experienced Manfred Urbas and Archie Blue also had a good game for Manly.

Manly: Woods, Myron, Stocks, Blue (Johnson), Hutchinson (1), Mallam, Jackson, Crawford, Gosling (Jones), Potts, Stedman.

THIS WEEK

Granville should retain their lead when they meet lowly NS-Inter at North Sydney Oval.

Hit by sickness and injuries over the last few weeks, the Magpies should field a full team this week-end and look set for a comfortable victory.

Balgownie have a harder match against Corinthians at Jubilee Oval, but they should also clinch both points on present form.

Most interesting match of the round is the one between Manly and Melita Eagles at Mona Park, as only two points separate the teams, both of which are firing well.

In other games Marrickville and Guildford are the popular tips.

DIVISION II LEADING SCORERS

J. FARRUGIA (Melita Eagles)	15
S. MARSHALL (Granville)	12
D. SHANKS (Balgownie)	12
M. STEPHENSON (Guildford)	10
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	10
E. PATTERSON (Bankstown)	9
L. WATERS (Granville)	8
G. HANN (Granville)	7
G. ROBINSON (Guildford)	7

THIRD DIVISION

With the encouragement of an early penalty, Revesby Workers toiled for the whole 90 minutes to down leader Ku-ring-gai 3-1 at Millperra Reserve last Saturday, leaving no certain road for the North Shore side to the premiership.

A caught ball just inside their penalty area after 10 minutes' play enabled Ken Thorpe to drive the ball slightly to the left of the Ku-ring-gai keeper, who was moving in the opposite direction.

Before half-time quicksilver Keith Leet cut in from the right wing to place Revesby two goals to the good.

Ku-ring-gai brought the count back to 2-1 when Keith Thorpe in Revesby's defence grasped the ball on the way to the net.

Thorpe, unfortunately for him, had an earlier caution against his name, and went off for the technical offence of handling.

Jim Bell was Revesby's final scorer. The Workers had a fantastic game. No one did more than Paul Fitzpatrick to hold the opposition at bay, and coach Joe Martin thought all his Christmas had come at once.

The wind was playing tricks and their home pitch was concrete hard when West Ryde sneaked in 2-1 winners over West Sutherland.

With the breeze Dave Kerslake broke through for West Ryde's first goal. The second was put in by David Zeman, after Dave Wakefield's corner had been palmed out by the Sutherland keeper.

Their turn to come with the wind was appreciated by West Sutherland and, full of fire, they had pulled back one in ten minutes. For the remainder of the match it was West Sutherland who pressed, but somehow the Ryde-ites kept their goal intact and gratefully thanked their stars for both the points.

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 13th round scheduled for this weekend are:

Saturday: JUST v. Wilhelmina, Hakoah v. Polonia, Juventus v. Melbourne.

Sunday: Mooroolbark v. Austria, Slavia v. George Cross, SM Hellas v. Alexander.

Clash of the weekend is undoubtedly the game between SM Hellas and Alexander, which should not only pull out the biggest crowd of the season, but could have a strong bearing on the State League side.

Last week's State League results: Alexander 5 (Donachie 2, Cook, Adamgillis, Stogiannou) d. Hakoah 2 (Clarey 2), Juventus 2 (J. Lucchessi, Gorrie) d. George Cross 1 (J. Webb), Austria 1 (Kondanos) v. Slavia 1 (G. Webb), SM-Hellas 2 (Kokkinos, Armstrong) d. Melbourne 1 (Szabo), Wilhelmina 1 (Williamson) v. Mooroolbark 1 (Pongno), JUST 1 (Buljevic) d. Polonia 0.

Take a senior side and an under-16 team on a 300 km-round trip safari into the bush to promote the game on a goodwill visit and what should you expect — red carpet treatment! Well, that's the opposite of what a Metropolitan League Select senior side and their youth team got when they recently visited the Latrobe Valley. They had to supply the balls for the matches, there was no reception afterwards — not even a cup of tea and a bun! Heading back on the long trip manager Les Shorrocks was furious at the treatment accorded to his players. Seems some of our country cousins in soccer have a lot to learn.

Four sets of brothers grace State League soccer in Vince and Pat Bannon, of Alexander, Barry and John Webb now of George Cross, George and Jim Train, of Slavia, and John and Claude Lucchesi of Juventus.

Prahran City, in the Metro Second Division, recently acquired a new winger from South Africa in 19-year-old Donovan De Serf. Prahran, by the way, are the oldest club in Victorian soccer.

Kellor-Austria, through ground problems, train at Elwood, play at JUST's ground — Schintler Reserve in Footscray — and their headquarters are in Kellor itself. The club has been promised a new ground at Kellor for a couple of years; in fact they helped build it and spent some considerable amount of cash on it, but according to the club president they have been denied the use of same now it is completed.

For the past six months South Melbourne Hellas have been scouting the world looking for a goalkeeper, and have had officials in Greece and contacts in UK on this mission as well as casting their eyes interstate. But it seems to have been a fruitless search. Recently they secured the transfer from Austria of Danish-born Frank Peterson, who saw service with George Cross and displaced Luther Kastner for some time, and then joined Austria only to eventually play second fiddle to the brilliant Fred Schul. Stephen Gow, a young winger who joined Hellas at the start of the season from Scottish amateur club Muirhead, went to Austria as part of the deal.

With Rothman's ploughing big cash into the State League this year, Canberra TV, who sponsored the competition to the tune of \$2,000 in 1973, have decided to support the closing stages of the Dockerty Cup with a similar amount. It will be split up with \$1,000 to the winner, \$500 to the beaten finalist, with \$250 apiece to the other two semifinalists. Surely changed days for the Dockerty Cup competitors, as the Cup has been poverty stricken in recent years. The semifinalists are SM Hellas, JUST, Alexander and Wilhelmina, which promises a first-class draw.

Brian Edgeley, the former Wilhelmina and Balgownie player-coach of first-season Mooroolbark in the State League, made an astute move in beating the transfer deadline to sign keeper Lou Ivanoff from Slavia. Nothing inspires a side battling to keep its newly-won status more than a first-class keeper, and Ivanoff, a former West Australian representative goalie, has given great service to both George Cross and Slavia before being displaced by Luther Kastner and Mike O'Hara respectively.

Austria have unearthed a prospect in their first team in 16-year-old Australian-born striker Ray Beller. But whether in view of their desperate position at the bottom of the State League ladder Austria can continue to play the raw recruit is another matter...

Melbourne had only won one game this season after playing eight games under Juan Schwanner, who has gone from the club. They have won their last two against JUST and Mooroolbark since once again being under the control of player-coach Alistair Scott.

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